

## CHUGACH NATIONAL FOREST

### SCHEDULE OF NEPA PROPOSED ACTIONS

January 1, 2002 – December 31, 2002

#### SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE

**Project: Forest Plan Revision.**

**Location:** Chugach National Forest, southcentral Alaska.

**Description:** The Forest is revising its Land Management Plan. The original Plan was completed in 1984. Changes to environmental, social, or legal conditions will be integrated into the revised Plan.

**Scoping Status:** Formal scoping commenced with the publication of the Notice of Intent in the Federal Register on April 21, 1997 (Volume 62, Number 76). Preliminary revision issues were identified in the first edition of the Revision newsletter. Public workshops were conducted throughout southcentral Alaska in November and December 1997. Over 1,000 letters, containing over 3,000 comments, were received during the scoping period. Analysis of those comments was used to identify the significant issues. The significant issues have been described as 'situation statements' and 'Public/Agency Interests'. The Situation Statements involve public interests, which may be mutually exclusive, with a range of possible ways for resolution. A summary of public interest and situation statements was sent out to participants on the revision mailing list. Management Area Prescriptions were developed in response to the situation/interest statements. Collaborative Learning workshops were conducted in March 1999, to seek input from the public for formulating draft alternatives. The prescriptions were applied to various areas around the Forest to develop a range of alternatives. The Forest Service Interdisciplinary Team created eight draft alternatives. Groups and individuals representative of the public submitted twenty-two alternatives. On December 19, 1999, the Chugach National Forest Supervisor Dave Gibbons approved a range of six alternatives, A through F, along with the existing "No Action" Alternative to be analyzed in detail. From this range of alternatives, a single preferred alternative was derived. The draft preferred alternative map was completed, and posted May 2000 on the Chugach Forest Revision Website ([www.fs.fed.us/r10/chugach/revision/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r10/chugach/revision/)). The draft EIS and revised Forest Plan were posted on the Revision Website in August 2000.

**Analysis Status:** The Draft Forest Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement were released for public comment, and posted in the Federal Register on September 15, 2000, with the comment period running through December 14, 2000. Over 30,000 cards and letters were received during the comment period. Reports on the analysis of public comments are posted on the Chugach Web Site.

**Decision Date:** The Record of Decision for the Revised Forest Plan and the Final Environmental Impact Statement are scheduled for completion this winter. The Regional Forester is the Responsible Official for this Revision of the Forest Plan.

**Contact Person:** Chuck Frey, Forest Supervisor's Office, (907)-271-2557.

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District Ranger

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>SCOPING STATUS</b>	<b>ANALYSIS STATUS AND CZMA CATEGORY*</b>	<b>DECISION DATE AND SIGNATURE AUTHORITY</b>	<b>CONTACT PERSON</b>
NEW PROJECT Stump Lake Gabion repair Categorical exclusion.	Stump Lake Montague Island, 80 miles SW of Cordova	Repair gabion weir that controls water level in Stump Lake. Original project approved by Army Corps of Engineers, ADF&G and project completed in 1991.	Scoping to begin 12/01	Analysis begun 8/01. CZMA-FAA (1)	Decision memo April 2002  District Ranger	Ken Hodges (907) 424-4738
Cutthroat Trout Habitat Enhancement. Categorical Exclusion.	Tributaries of Mile 18 Creek 18 miles east of Cordova.	Small rock and log structures would be built to increase pool habitat for cutthroat trout juvenile rearing and winter habitat. PROJECT COMPLETED.	Scoping began January 2001	Project analysis began October 2000.  CZMA-FAA (1)	<b>DECISION MEMO</b> August 2001  District Ranger.	Ken Hodges (907) 424-4738
Alaganik Access Trail. Environmental Assessment.	Off Alaganik Road, 20 miles SE of Cordova.	Construct _ mile of single-plank boardwalk trail to improve fishing access and prevent further damage to wetland vegetation.	Scoping began January 2001.	Project analysis began October 2000.  CZMA-FAA (1)	Decision Notice April 2002  District Ranger.	Ken Hodges (907) 424-4738
Cordova District Office Phase IV Remodeling	612 2nd Street Cordova, Alaska	Final phase of office remodeling, including the building exterior, window replacement, and related projects.	Scoping began December 2000	Analysis is in progress.  CZMA – FAA (3)	Decision in September 2001.  District Ranger	Bob Behrends  (907) 424-7661
Mile 18 Creek Erosion Control. Categorical Exclusion	Mile 18.5 Copper River Highway 18.5 miles SE of Cordova	Reduce erosion where anglers have damaged muskeg vegetation.	Scoping began 12/01	CZMA-FAA (3)	Decision Memo April 2002	Sean Stash (907) 424-7661
Coho salmon habitat enhancement. Brush bundles. Categorical Exclusion	Mile 18 Creek beaver ponds. 18 miles SE of Cordova	Add brush bundles to ponds to improve winter habitat for Coho salmon juveniles.	Scoping began 11/01	CZMA-FAA (1)	Decision Memo April 2002	Samantha Greenwood (907) 424-7661
Million Dollar Bridge Recreation Site Plan. Environmental Assessment.	Milepost 48, Copper River Highway.	A recreation site plan for Childs Glacier and Million Dollar Bridge is being developed to incorporate and facilitate changes due to increasing tourism use.	Began 1/99. Additional public meetings TBA	In progress. Analysis was conducted winter 1999 through summer 2000. CZMA-FAA (1)	April 2002  District Ranger.	Bob Behrends Dixon Sherman (907)-424-7661

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Cassandra Oil Access and Drilling Plans  Environmental Assessment.	East Copper River Delta near Katalla. Cordova Ranger District.	Provide access to Private Land where Cassandra Oil proposes to conduct directional oil drilling into oil and gas reserves, under the 1982 CNI Agreement (Katalla Oil and Gas Rights).	Scoping began January 2001	Project analysis began January 2001.  CZMA – FL/P (1)	Environmental Assessment May 2002  District Ranger	Ken Hodges (907)-424-7661
Guided Helicopter Skiing Special Use Permit For Tasnuna, Cleave Creek Watersheds.  Environmental Analysis – categorically excluded..	T9S; R1W, R1E, R2E and T10S; R1W, R1E, R2E, 3E. T11S; R1W, R1E, R2E, & 3E. The area south of the Forest/BLM border, east of the Forest/State border, north of Allen Glacier, and west of the Copper River.	On the mountainous component of National Forest lands on the north end of the Cordova Ranger District. Conduct commercially guided helicopter ski tours (heli-skiing).	Scoping began on 3/19/2001.	Analysis complete for temporary one-year permit for area.  CZMA-FAA (1)	Decision Memo Signed November 26, 2001.  by District Ranger	Bruce Campbell Bob Behrends  (907) 424-7661
Issue and Reissue a Variety of Outfitter-Guide and other Special Use Permits.	Lands administered by the Cordova Ranger District, at various locations in eastern Prince William Sound and the Copper River Delta.	Numerous special use permit applications and permit renewals such as commercial videography, temporary installations of monitoring equipment, navigational aids, geologic survey work, encampments, and outfitter and guide services.	As needed.	A "Recreation Use Carrying Capacity Analysis" (completed August 1994) is used to evaluate hunting outfitter and guide permit requests. CZMA class dependent on permit.	Decisions are made through the year as each application or request is evaluated. CZMA class dependent on permit.	Dixon Sherman Bruce Campbell (907) 424-7661

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District Ranger

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Helicopter Skiing	Glacier and Seward Ranger Districts	The proposed action would be for authorizing a permit term up to 5 years for helicopter skiing in the Glacier/ Winner Creek, Twentymile, Placer River/Skookum Glacier, Bench Peak, Grandview, Moose Ck, and Ptarmigan areas. If the Forest Plan Revision ROD were not signed, the proposed action would not include the Twentymile, Moose Creek, or Ptarmigan areas, and would be issued for only one year.	Began in June	This will be Supplement #2 to the 1999 EA  CZMA FL/P (2)	January 2002  District Ranger	Teresa Paquet (907) 754-2317
Fish and Wildlife Projects	District wide	Various enhancement and restoration projects primarily focused on fisheries.	Began March 2001.	CZMA-FAA (1)	January 2002  District Ranger.	Cliff Fox (907) 783-3242
Issue and reissue a variety of outfitter-guide and other special use permits.	Lands administered by the Glacier Ranger District.	Numerous special use permit applications and permit renewals such as commercial filming, recreation events, and outfitter-guides.	Ongoing, as applications are received.	Ongoing.  CZMA-FL/P (2)	Decisions will be made at various times by the District Ranger.	Mary Kay Vandiver (907) 783-3242

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Replacement of East Fork Sixmile Creek Bridge (Access to Gulch Creek area). Categorically Excluded Action, with Decision Memo.	Mile 57.5 Seward Highway; T.8N. R.1W. Sec 23.	Replacement of the suspension bridge across East Fork Sixmile Creek for access to Gulch Creek drainage.	Beginning July 2001.	Complete.  CZMA – FAA (4)	<b>DECISION MEMO</b> signed 9/28/2001  District Ranger	Dan Lentz (907) 224-3374
<b>NEW PROJECT</b> Gulch Creek Trail and Trailhead Reconstruction	Beginning at Mile 57.5 of the Seward Hwy	Reconstruct the old mining access trail that parallels Gulch Creek and provide parking adjacent to the highway	Beginning January 2002	In Progress.  CZMA – FFA (3)	Sept 2002  District Ranger	Patrick O’Leary (907) 224-3374
<b>NEW PROJECT</b> Hope Point Trail reconstruction	Beginning in Porcupine Campground near Hope, AK	Reconstruct and/or relocate approximately 2 miles of trail into the alpine above Porcupine Campground	Beginning January 2002	In Progress  CZMA – FFA (3)	Sept 2002  District Ranger	Patrick O’Leary (907) 224-3374
<b>NEW PROJECT</b> Upper Russian Lake Cabin Relocation or Replacement	East Side of Upper Russian Lake	Evaluate the Cabin for historic significance and relocate or replace away from the adjacent stream	Beginning January 2002	In Progress  CZMA – FFA (4)	November 2003  District Ranger	Patrick O’Leary (907)224-3374
<b>NEW PROJECT</b> Manitoba Cabin Replacement	Manitoba Mt Area near Lower Summit Lake	Replace the existing cabin and potentially relocate it farther up the mountain.	Beginning January 2002	In Progress  CZMA – FFA (4)	Sept 2002  District Ranger	Patrick O’Leary (907) 224 3374
<b>NEW PROJECT</b> Russian River Campground Flush Toilet Replacement	Russian River Campground near Cooper Landing	Replace Existing Flush Toilets and septic systems to meet current standards	Beginning January 2002	In Progress CZMA – FFA (3)	Sept 2002  District Ranger	Karen O’Leary (907) 224-3374
<b>NEW PROJECT</b> Communication Site leases – issue/renewal	Cooper Landing, Hope, Moose Pass areas	Issue or renew communication site leases on existing communication sites	Began April 2001	In Progress CZMA – FL/P (2)	Spring 2002 District Ranger	Karen O’Leary (907) 224-3374

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Lot acquisition for joint Visitor Center/Office Space. Environmental Assessment.	Oceanview Subdivision, Addition No. 1 City of Seward	This project is to acquire a lot for construction of the Seward Ranger District Headquarters and the Kenai Fjords National Park Visitors Center.	Began periodic public meetings winter 1999. In 30-day comment period on EA	Complete.	February 2002 Joint between Forest Supervisor and Park Superintendent	Glen Yankus (907) 257-2645 Chuck Frey (907) 271-2557
Victor Creek Fuel Reduction Project. Environmental Assessment with Decision Notice.	Seward Highway, T4N. R1E. Sec. 31 T3N. R1E., Sec 8,9,17,18,19..	Reduce fire hazard to federal and private property in the urban/wildland interface by removing fuels (dead spruce trees) adjacent to and above private property along the Seward Highway in the vicinity of Victor Creek.	Beginning in October 2001.	Beginning Fall 2001  CZMA – FAA (1)	Spring 2002.  District Ranger	Warren Oja (907) 224-4111
Primrose Fuel Reduction Project. Environmental Assessment with Decision Notice.	Primrose Road T3N. R1W. Sec. 24,25,36	Reduce fire hazard to federal and private property in the urban/wildland interface by removing fuels (dead spruce trees) adjacent to and above private property along Primrose Road, Primrose Creek Campground and the Seward Highway.	Beginning November 2001.	Beginning Fall 2001.  CZMA – FAA (1)	Spring 2002.  District Ranger	Warren Oja (907) 224-4111
Hope Highway Fuel Reduction Project. Environmental Assessment with Decision Notice.	Hope Highway, Mile 1 – 6, 10 – 15.	Reduce fire hazard by removing fuels (dead spruce trees) along Hope Highway.	Began in Summer 2000.	In progress.  CZMA – FAA (1)	April 2002.  District Ranger	Warren Oja (907) 224-4111
Spruce Thinning at Mile 13 of Hope Hwy. Categorically Excluded Action, with Decision Memo.	Between Guard station and Windy Point on Hope Highway. T10N, R2W, sec 25	Thin 40 year-old fire generated conifer stand. This project will not involve soil disturbance or road. It may provide limited post and pole product opportunity.	In progress	In progress.  CZMA – FAA (3)	<b>Project combined with Hope Highway Fuel Reduction project (above).</b> District Ranger	Mark Kromrey (907) 224-4130
Seward Highway Project Mile 18-25. Environmental Assessment with Decision Notice	Seward Highway Mile 18-25	Highway adjustments to accommodate railroad/highway grade separation. May require use of National Forest lands near Mile 24.	In Progress.	In Progress.  CZMA – FL/P (1)	Winter 2002  District Ranger	Karen O’Leary (907) 224-3374

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Seedling/Sapling Release Cutting along Hope Hwy. Categorically Excluded Action, with Decision Memo.	Various locations	Cut alder and brush competition to release seedlings/saplings in areas harvested by personal use 15+ years ago.	In progress.	In progress.  CZMA – FAA (3)	<b>Project combined with Hope Highway Fuel Reduction project (above).</b> District Ranger	Mark Kromrey (907) 224-4130
<b>PROJECT DROPPED.</b> Reforestation of spruce bark beetle impacted stands. Environmental Analysis.	Areas identified in Spruce Bark Beetle Management Plan.	Hand planting or seeding areas where spruce mortality is high. Some sites may require scarification or site prep prior to planting.	Began May 2000.	In Progress.  CZMA – FAA (3)	Fall 2001  District Ranger	Mark Kromrey (907) 224-4130
<b>PROJECT DROPPED</b> East Kenai Lake Prescribed Burn. Categorically Excluded Action.	Cooper Landing area T4N, R2W, sect, 6, 7, 8, and 17.	Burn approximately 200 acres of bark beetle infested and dead white spruce to reduce wildfire potential and improve wildlife habitat. An additional 300 acres of mixed spruce, alder and alpine may also be burned within the project boundary.	In progress.	In progress.  CZMA – FAA (3)	Fall 2001.  District Ranger	William Shuster (907) 224-3374.
<b>PROJECT DROPPED.</b> Palmer Creek Prescribed Burn Unit. Categorically Excluded Action	Hope area T9N, R2W, Section 23 and 24 S.M.	Burn approximately 200 acres of beetle infested and dead white spruce to reduce wildfire potential and improve wildlife habitat. An additional 700 acres of mixed spruce/hemlock may be burned within the project area. Unit may be pre-felled before burning	Began January 2001.	In Progress CZMA-FAA (3)	December 2001  District Ranger	William Shuster (907) 224-3374
Cooper Creek Erosion Control. Categorical Exclusion.	East of confluence of Cooper Creek and Kenai River. T5N, R3W, sec 31	Reduce sediment movement from cut bank to Cooper Creek and Kenai River.	Began Summer 2000.	In Progress.  CZMA – FAA (4)	June 2002.  District Ranger	William Shuster (907) 224-3374
Turnagain Slate Rock Lease Site	Slate Deposit at Mile 11.5 of the Hope Highway.	District is exploring the possibility of issuing a lease for the removal of slate for use in the decorative stone market.	Begin January 2001.	In Progress.  CZMA – FL/P (1)	Spring 2002.  District Ranger	Donna Peterson (907) 224-3374

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Removal of mineral material from existing community pits and common use areas. Environmental Assessment with Decision Notice	Mile 38 Sterling Hwy - T.5N. R.2W., Sec 1 Mile 33 Sand Pit - T25N. R1W., Sec 21 Mile 35 Gravel Pit T.25N. R.1E., Sec 17 and Sec 20. Mile 2 Hope Road T8N.R1W., Sec 3	Issue permits authorizing the removal of mineral material from existing pits to both commercial and non-commercial requesters.	Begin August 2001	Beginning Fall 2001 CZMA – FAA (1)	Summer 2002  District Ranger	Donna Peterson (907) 224-3374
Grant Lake Mine Exploration Project. Decision Memo or Environmental Assessment depending on results of scoping.	Old Case Mine at Grant Lake, T5N, R1E, Sec 29, Seward Meridian, Moose Pass area.	Evaluate exploration activities at the Case Mine. Possible bulk sampling and core drilling at up to 5 sites is proposed. Maintenance work on existing access is also being considered.	In Progress.	In Progress.  CZMA – FL/P (1)	Summer 2002.  District Ranger	Donna Peterson (907) 224-3374
Snow River Private Road Special Use Permit.	Snow River, T3N, R1E, sec. 19 & 30, S.M.	Landowner proposes to construct a road to access private property. The year round road would parallel the railroad for approx 1 mile. Driving surface would be 12 feet with 18-foot clearing limit. It would traverse backwater streams, sloughs, and silt deposits along the lower Snow River.	Began August 2000.	In process.  CZMA – FL/P (1)	Winter 2001  Forest Supervisor	Karen O’Leary (907) 224-3374
Re-issue Special Use Permits. Categorical Exclusion with Decision Memo	Communication Sites on several mountaintops; power line distribution system on Kenai Peninsula.	Existing uses: State communication site permits on Seward, Glacier, and Cordova Ranger Districts will be renewed. Chugach Electric Powerline permit on Glacier and Seward Ranger Districts will be renewed.	In Progress	In Progress.  CZMA – FL/P (1)	Fall 2001  Forest Supervisor	Karen O’Leary (907) 224-3374
Iditarod Recreation Trail Re-establishment. Environmental Assessment with Decision Notice	From Seward to Girdwood	Establish a recreation trail connecting established trails that generally parallel the Highway/Railroad between Seward and Girdwood.	Beginning Summer 2001	In Progress.  CZMA – FAA (4)	Fall 2002  District Ranger	Pat O’Leary (907) 224-3374



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Resurrection Pass Trail Reconstruction. Categorically Excluded or EA/Decision Notice.	Mile 5, north end of Resurrection Pass Trail to Mile 3, Devils Pass Trail.	Reconstruct deteriorating trail tread and realign segments of the trail at various locations.	Began January 2000.	In Progress.  CZMA – FAA (4)	Winter 2001  District Ranger	Pat O'Leary (907) 224-3374
Russian River Access Trails. Categorical Exclusion with Decision Memo or EA/Decision Notice,	Access from Russian River Campground to the Angler's trail	Revisit the 1996 Russian River Angler's Trail Decision Notice to construct a Tram from the Grayling Parking Area and closure of two sections of the Angler's trail near the Pink and Red Salmon Accesses.	Began November 2001	In Progress  CZMA – FAA (5)	Spring 2002  District Ranger	Pat O'Leary (907) 224-3374
Reconstruct Rainbow Lake Trail. Categorical Exclusion with Decision Memo or EA/Decision Notice, depending on scoping.	Cooper Lake/ Snug Harbor Road	Reconstruct trail to an accessible standard.	Began January 2001.	In Progress.  CZMA – FAA (3)	Fall 2002.  District Ranger	Pat O'Leary (907) 224-3374
Outfitter/Guide 1 year Special Use Permit for 2002 season. Categorically Excluded Action, with Decision Memo.	Godwin Glacier near Seward, T1S, R1E, sec. 3, S.M.	Permit renewal for Godwin Glacier Dogsled Tours involving summer base camp on Godwin Glacier, dog sled tours, and helicopter trips providing transportation to and from the base camp from Seward Airport.	Began November 2001.	In progress.  CZMA – FL/P (1)	Spring 2002.  District Ranger	Karen Kromrey (907) 224-3374
Outfitter Guide Special Use Permits. Categorically Excluded Action, with Decision Memo.	Resurrection Pass, Devil's Pass, and Summit Creek Trails.	Decide whether to authorize additional guided use, including hiking, mountain bike riding, horses, and llamas. If decision is made to authorize additional use, interested outfitter guides will compete for limited permits.	Scoping on issues began 1/19/99 and was completed 3/10/99.	In Progress.  CZMA – FL/P (2)	Fall 2001.  District Ranger	Karen Kromrey (907) 224-3374

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District Campgrounds Rehabilitation and Upgrade. Categorical Exclusion or EA, depending on scoping.	Cooper Creek, Ptarmigan Creek, Trail River, Tenderfoot Creek, Primrose Creek, Porcupine Creek, and/or Coeur d'Alene Campgrounds.	The 30+ years old facilities will be evaluated for improvements including upgrades for accessibility, expansions to increase available sites on the Kenai Peninsula, and to accommodate larger camping vehicles.	Began January 2000.	In Progress.  CZMA – FAA (4)	Spring 2002.  District Ranger	Karen O'Leary (907) 224-3374
<b>PROJECT MODIFIED</b> Fuller Fuel Reduction Project Environmental Assessment with Decision Notice	Cooper Landing area T5N, R4W, sect. 28, S.M.	Reduce fire hazard to federal and private property in the urban/wildland interface on 300 acres by mechanically cutting and piling fuels (dead spruce trees) and burning piles above private property along the Sterling Hwy. Hardwood trees will also be cut to improve wildlife habitat for species dependent on early seral vegetation.	In progress.	In progress.  CZMA – FAA (3)	Spring 2002.  District Ranger	Mary Ann Benoit (907) 224-3374
Resurrection Creek 10-11 Prescribed Burn. Categorical Exclusion Action, with Decision Memo.	Hope area, T9N, R2W, Sect. 9 and 16 S.M.	Burn approximately 700 acres of beetle infested and dead spruce to reduce wild fire potential and improve wildlife habitat. 300 acres of mixed spruce/hemlock may also be burned within the project area. Unit may be pre-felled before burning	Begin January 2001.	In progress CZMA-FAA (3)	Spring/Summer 2002.  District Ranger	Mary Ann Benoit (907) 224-3374
Hardwood Regeneration Project. Categorical Exclusion Action, with Decision Memo.	Snow River Bridge, T3N, R1E, Sec. 19, 30, 31; Cooper Landing, T5N, R4W, Sec. 25, 30; Hope, T10N, R2W, Sec. 34; & T9N, R2W, Sec. 3.	Mature stands of birch, willow, and aspen up to 10 acres in size, will be felled to improve habitat for bald eagles, northern goshawks, snowshoe hares and moose. Sites may be scarified, planted, or burned after felling.	Ongoing as opportunities arise.	In Progress.  CZMA – FAA (3)	Decisions will be made at various times by the Seward District Ranger.	Mary Ann Benoit (907) 224-3374
Special Use Permits.  Categorical Exclusion.	Various locations on the Seward District.	Several new and existing special use permit applications for such activities as log storage sites, outfitter/guide operations and recreation events will be evaluated.	Ongoing, as applications are received.	Ongoing.  CZMA – FL/P (2)	Decisions will be made at various times by the Seward District Ranger	Karen O'Leary (907) 224-3374

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Mining Plans of Operation. Excluded with Project File or Decision Memo. Type of document depends on results of scoping.	Various locations on the Seward District.	Evaluation of mining plans for small placer and hardrock operations. The activity usually occurs in the following drainages: Quartz, Canyon, Mills, Juneau, John's, Primrose, Porcupine, Victor, Falls, Sixmile, Crescent, Stetson, Bear, Gulch, Diane, Cooper, Silvertip, Palmer, Pass Fresno, Resurrection and Lynx.	Scoping is continuous as plans are received.	Ongoing.  CZMA – FL/P (2)	Decisions will be made at various times by the Seward District Ranger.	Donna Peterson (907) 224-3374.

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